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Letter dated 24 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Togo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

With reference to the report of the Panel of Experts established by the Security Council pursuant to resolution 1237 (1999) of 7 May 1999 (S/2000/203, annex I, appendix), and to the 15 March 2000 and 18 April 2000 Security Council meetings on the situation in Angola, I have the honour to inform you that on 18 May 2000, the Council of Ministers, at an extraordinary meeting presided over by the Head of State, heard a communication from the National Commission of Inquiry.

It was stated in this communication that investigations carried out at the instigation of the National Commission had established that 56 Angolans connected to União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola (UNITA) were living in the national territory.

Specifically, those involved were 36 schoolchildren and two students who were living there with 18 members of their families.

The Council of Ministers was informed that, as of 18 May 2000, the 56 Angolan nationals connected to UNITA had left the national territory, on instructions from the President of the Republic.

Following that communication, the President of the Republic urged the members of the Government to make the Organization of African Unity (OAU) Summit, to be held in Lomé in July 2000, a summit of peace and security, pursuant to the decisions of the thirty-fifth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of OAU, held in Algiers in July 1999.

The Head of State stressed that the Lomé Summit, as an extension of the Sirte Extraordinary Summit which had laid the foundations for the creation of the United States of Africa, should make it possible to realize the dream of unity and peace on the continent of Africa expressed in Addis Ababa in 1963 by certain Heads of State. He took the opportunity to pay tribute to the leader of the Libyan revolution, Colonel Muammar Al-Qadhafi, who had used the Sirte Extraordinary Summit to revive the idea of creating a United States of Africa. He also congratulated the President of Nigeria, Mr. Olusegun Obasanjo, who, at the Algiers Summit, had had the idea of making the year 2000 a year of peace and security on the African continent.

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The Head of State indicated that the hope of Africa lay in unity and solidarity, which were the only means of resisting the demons of division that make us all more vulnerable in the face of the desire of foreign interests for domination.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Roland Y. **Kpotsra**
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